

Notice of Allowability

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Art Unit 2824

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1. This communication is responsive to to an amendment filed on 02/04/05.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 10-40.
3. The drawings filed on 25 June 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some* - c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 11/29/04
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.



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REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the present invention relates to method and apparatus for sensing an electrical charge. The independent claim 10 recites a method of operating a sensing circuit comprising a charge integrator circuit, the method comprising steps of applying a first pulse signal, a second pulse signal, a third and a fourth pulse signal. The independent claim 22 recites a method of operating a sensing circuit comprising a charge integrator circuit coupled of a first and second group of a plurality of capacitor elements. The independent claim 27 recites a sensing circuit for sensing an electrical charge comprising a charge integrator circuit coupled to an electrode for storing the electrical charge through a switching element. The independent claim 29 recites a sensing circuit for sensing an electrical charge comprising a charge integrator circuit coupled to an electrode for storing the electrical charge, wherein the charge integrator comprising first switching means and second switching means. The independent claim 31 recites a sensing circuit for sensing an electrical charge comprising a charge integrator circuit coupled to an electrode for storing the electrical charge and an inverter circuit arranged to provide an output signal indicative of the electrical charge. The independent claim 32 recites a sensing circuit for sensing an electrical charge comprising a charge integrator circuit coupled to an electrode for storing the electrical charge, wherein said sensing circuit further comprising an enable circuit arranged to receive an output signal from the discriminator circuit on a first input and to provided an output signal indicative of the electrical charge in response to a further signal received on a second input. The PRIOR ART fails to

disclose or suggest such features as described in the independent claims 10, 22, 27, 29 and 31-32, therefore, claims 10-40 are in condition for allowance.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Vu A. Le whose telephone number is (571) 272-1871. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (7:00-3:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard Elms can be reached on (571) 272-1869. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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